

Pacolet Mill Office

Pacolet Mills, Spartanburg County

National Register of Historic Places



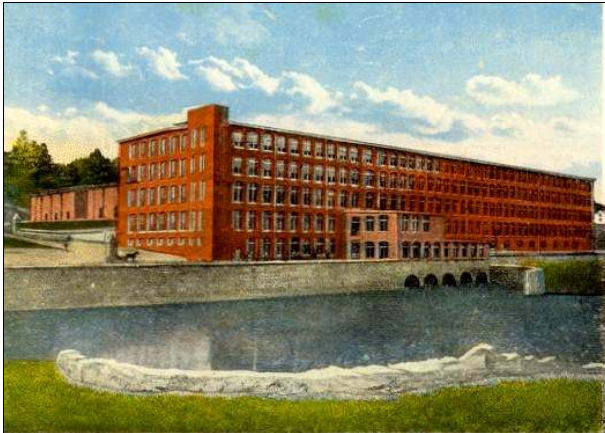
Photo by Martin Meek



The Pacolet horse was a well-known symbol of quality textiles that were produced in the town's mills.

"After losing our largest industry, we sought to find what was sustainable in our community. What we discovered was amazing. We uncovered a rich heritage (the natural heritage of a river, a quarry, and an urban forest as well as our cultural heritage from Native Americans, early settlers, the American Revolution, African Americans, to our one-of-a-kind mill village)."

Elaine Harris
Mayor of Pacolet



One of the four now-destroyed mills in Pacolet from a historic postcard



The company safe in the Mill Office

The Pacolet Mill Office is a one-story Italianate brick building with a hipped terracotta roof that was designed by Lockwood, Greene & Company and constructed in 1908 as the office for the Pacolet Manufacturing Company. The interior of the office is largely open so that desks could be reconfigured and contains a walk-in safe, indicating that it was the center of activity for the company. The building's landscape contains a curving cast stone or concrete pergola added between 1920 and 1927 that is believed to be a design by noted landscape architect Earle S. Draper of Charlotte. Construction of the first of four mills on the Pacolet River began in 1882. Amos D. Lockwood designed the now destroyed mill and the firm of Lockwood Greene played an important role in the Pacolet Manufacturing Company's success. By 1896, Pacolet Mills were listed fifth among the largest textile mills in South Carolina, and among the top ten largest textile mills in the Southeast. The Mill Office, listed in the National Register July 28, 2004, was the first of three National Register listings that the town has used to refocus interest on the historic significance of the Pacolet Mills.

Original Use: Textile Mill Office
Current Use: Pacolet Town Hall
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